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RECEPTORS AND RELATED METHODS

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No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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Retro-inversion peptides that target GIT transport receptors and related methods

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to peptides that are capable of targeting or specifically binding to gastro-intestinal tract (GIT) transport receptors. In particular, this invention relates to retro-inverted forms of peptide sequences and motifs, as well as derivatives thereof, which enhance drug delivery and transport through tissue, such as epithelial cells lining the lumenal side of the GIT. Production of peptides and antibodies is also provided. The invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions, formulations and related methods.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Proteases cleave peptide bonds between adjacent L-amino acids, rendering these peptides susceptible to degradation in the GIT. Artificial proteins or peptides composed of D-amino acids are largely resistant to proteolytic breakdown. However, when D-amino acids are substituted for all L-amino acids in a peptide/protein, the corresponding D-peptide/protein is a mirror image of the original peptide/protein and is likely to have modified or lost biological activity because of this change in conformation. Retro-inverted peptides are peptides having all D-amino acids but are synthesized in the reverse order or sequence compared to the original L-peptide/protein. The carboxy terminus of the original peptide/protein becomes the amino terminus (and vice versa) of the retro-inverted peptide/protein and the resulting side chain surface of the retro-inverted peptide/protein is similar to the original Lpeptide/protein. The net result of combining D-enantiomers and reverse synthesis is that the positions of carbonyl and amine groups in each amide bond are exchanged while the position of side-chain groups is preserved (Brady, L. and Dodson, G., Nature, 368L:692-693 (1994); Jameson et al.,

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title Page, Item 54 and Column 1, Lines 1-3:

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On the Title Page, Item 74:

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